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**1st Public Hearing on the 2010 Programs and Budget for the
Department of Social Services and the Senior Resource Center
Social Services Committee Meeting
May 19, 2009**

Social Services Committee Chairman Mark Moeller called the May 19, 2009 public hearing to order at 1:30 p.m. Other Committee members present were, Charles Brann, Joel Gunnlaugsson, Marc Savard, and Ben Meyer. Present from the Door County Senior Services Advisory Committee was Barbara Buckingham. Department staff present were Roger Tepe, Bev Knutson, Doreen Weyenberg and Kay Englebert. Excused from the meeting was Joanne Ator.

Mark Moeller asked Roger Tepe, Director of the Department of Social Services, if the public hearing had been properly noticed and upon confirmation opened the meeting with a statement regarding the purpose of the hearing and the procedures, which would be followed. Chairman Mark Moeller had noted that in the past the public hearings have been held later in the year. In order to give the public more opportunity for "meaningful" input this year, the Committee wanted to hear from the public well before the budget was finalized.

Mark Moeller asked Roger Tepe if there was any written correspondence to present and Roger presented two pieces of correspondence that were received prior to the meeting. The first letter was from Good Samaritan Society – Scandia Village and the second letter was from Lakeshore CAP.

Six (6) individuals / organizations attended the public hearing. In attendance and speaking at the Public Hearing:

Barb Maskell with HELP of Door County handed out their annual report to the Committee members. She informed them of the importance of supervised visitations and the safer exchange program(s). Barb also made a request for funding in the amount of \$5,000.00; which would be an increase from the \$2,500 they were awarded in 2009.

Gina Felhofer with Family Services read a statement that she prepared regarding the two programs funded thru Social Services, Parent Education and Healthy Families. Both programs are currently funded by Social Services; and Gina Felhofer was asking for a continuation of the current funding levels (not an increase).

Sally Hasenfus with the Jim Larsen Boys and Girls Club of Door County presented the Committee with a handout and requested \$3,000.00 to assist with funding of their programs offered to Door County Youth. This would be a new funding request.

Barbara Buckingham, a member of the Door County Senior Services Advisory Committee spoke about the importance of the Memory Care Connection program and the importance of having a new Senior Resource Center due to lack of space and the increasing number of seniors in Door County.

Others in attendance but did not speak: Justin Welch – WEP, Inc., Ken Jeansonne – Advocates For Independent Living, and Hugh Leroy – Jim Larson Boys and Girls Club of Door County.

Chairman Mark Moeller concluded the hearing by thanking all participants and the attendees for their time and for expressing their thoughts. Chairman Mark Moeller noted that the next budget public hearing would take place in July and the public hearing for the Aging Unit Plan will take place in August.

The Public Hearing concluded at 1:58 p.m.

(It should be noted that written correspondence, dated May 18, 2009 from N.E.W. Curative Rehabilitation, Inc. was received after the public hearing). All correspondence received has been attached.

Social Services Committee Meeting

1. Call to Order: Chair Mark Moeller called the May 19, 2009 meeting of the Social Services Committee to order at 1:58 p.m. Committee members present were, Charles Brann, Joel Gunnlaugsson, Marc Savard, and Ben Meyer. Department staff present were Roger Tepe, Bev Knutson, Doreen Weyenberg and Kay Englebert. Excused from the meeting was Joanne Ator.

2. Approve Agenda: Motion by Ben Meyer, second by Charles Brann to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

3. Public Participation: There was no public participation.

4. Review and Approve Minutes of Social Services Committee Meeting. Motion by Charles Brann, second by Mark Moeller to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting of the Social Services Committee. It is noted that verbiage was omitted in the minutes pertaining to agenda item number seven (7), Action: Preliminary approval of the 2010 budget items. At the request of Ben Meyer, the following lines were corrected to read: LEED certification would be an **estimated** additional 3% cost investment. In the motion, it should read: "...Senior Resource Center and to increase the plan by 3% overall in order to **try** to achieve LEED Certification". The words estimated and try were omitted. Motion carried.

5. Review and Approve Vouchers to be paid in May, 2009. Upon review and discussion, motion by Marc Savard, second by Joel Gunnlaugsson to approve the vouchers as submitted and detailed below:

Social Services

Total Social Services expenditures submitted for approval	\$ 178,232.87
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Senior Resource Center

Total Senior Resource Center expenditures submitted for approval	<u>\$ 14,145.24</u>
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Total Expenditures for approval	<u>\$ 192,378.11</u>
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The motion carried unanimously.

Kay Englebert did update the Committee on the condensed voucher reports. She has been working with Lori Kruswick in the IS Department and hopefully for the June meeting, she will have the condensed format to present.

6. Information: Welcome Marc Savard to the Social Services Committee. Roger Tepe introduced Marc Savard to the Committee. He replaces Nancy Bemmann, who is now on the Community Programs Committee.

7. Information: 2010 budget preview. Roger Tepe commented on the public hearing. This year (2009), HELP of Door County received \$2,500.00 from Social Services. Next year (for 2010), the request is \$2,500.00 more, or \$5,000.00 total. Healthy Families and Parent Education are two programs that are utilized by the Children and Families Unit and subcontracted through Family Services. The \$3,000.00 request from the Jim Larsen's Boys and Girls Club of Door County is a first time request from that organization. The Memory Care Connections program was funded by a three year grant (which ended in mid – 2008); and has been continued since then using a combination of grant funds and department funds. Christy Wisniewski heads the MCC program and is currently doing a series of training sessions. She is in the process of writing for grants to secure additional funds for 2010. A discussion took place but no action was taken.

Roger presented to the Committee a letter that was written by the League of Women Voters and sent to Legislators on behalf of the Departments of Social Services and Community Programs. The letter asks Legislators to reconsider the budget cuts for Basic County Allocation for Children and Families, Youth Aids Allocation, Income Maintenance Administrative Allocation (IMAA) and restore the State's responsibility for the non-federal (i.e. state) share of the cost of placement in the Winnebago and Mendota Mental Health Institutes.

Roger gave a status report on the new Senior Resource Center building. It is on the 2010 Capital Improvements Plan; however that could be delayed by a year.

Roger updated the Committee on the latest numbers for the 2010 budget. Social Services receives funding from six (6) different units at the State level. In those units, the proposed State budget cut was at 1%; however it could be increased to 5% or more. Based on that information, it leaves Social Services in with a potentially large deficit. Each line item on the Social Services budget will be looked at closely. In the past three years, Social Services has returned funds back to the General Fund. Roger will be asking the County Board for supplemental funding from the General Fund and / or additional levy dollars to offset some of the deficit.

8. Action: Full – Time Supervisor at the Senior Resource Center. Roger Tepe presented the Committee with correspondence he had received from Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR). The correspondence re-iterates the requirement of a full time aging unit director per the Wisconsin Elders Act. GWAAR has given the Department of Social Services until 1/1/2010 to fill this position or lose all Aging Unit state funding. Roger Tepe will be requesting that the County fund the salary for a full time aging director versus the Department of Social Services, since the County cut the funding from the Department's past budgets.

It is the Department's intent to have Bev Knutson become the full time Aging Unit director. This will leave the Adult Services Unit without a supervisor. Roger has approached an internal employee to see if there is an interest in becoming the supervisor of that unit. At the time of the committee meeting, Roger had not received a response back. Within two years, the ADRC should be up and running; and the Adult Services Unit will likely be completely reorganized as Family Care starts operations.

Mark Moeller moved to formally acknowledge receipt of the May 7, 2009 letter (and attachment) from the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (or GWAAR) by the Door County Social Services

Committee. The Social Services Committee pledges to work with the Department of Social Services staff to complete all the recommendations in the proposed Corrective Action Plan. A paper trail of meeting minutes will commence beginning today documenting progress toward compliance with the requirement to have a Full – Time Aging Unit Director (Supervisor) in place at the Senior Resource Center by January 1, 2010. Ben Meyer seconded the motion. (Moeller, Brann, Meyer, and Gunnlaugsson voted aye, Savard voted nay). Motion carried on a 4-1 vote.

9. Action: Approve bid for Exercise Room remodel at Senior Resource Center. Roger Tepe handed out two (2) bids he had received, one from Portside Builders, Inc. and the other from Buhr Construction, Inc. Both builders have done work at the Senior Resource Center in the past. Roger noted that because the project was not over \$25,000.00, there was no need for sealed bids. Joel Gunnlaugsson moved that the Portside Builders, Inc. bid for the remodeling of the Exercise Room at the Senior Resource Center be recommended for approval in the amount of \$11,894.00, which includes all project costs and materials – including temporary removal and re-installation of all the exercise equipment upon completion. Further, this recommendation for approval shall be forwarded to the Property Committee for final action and awarding of the contract prior to June 15, 2009. Marc Savard seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Recurring Reports, Informational Only.

ADRC/Family Care: Roger Tepe updated the Committee on the meetings he attended for Family Care. At one of the meetings he attended, Andy Phillips, who wrote the long term care statute, was present and explained his work helping counties develop a Long Term Care Board. The Planning Grant for \$400,000.00 was approved and these funds will be used for hiring of full time staff. In July of 2010, there will be additional funds available for the rest of the planning stages. The critical item right now is educating all of the County Boards in our seven (7) county grouping, agreeing upon one model / one plan. Family Care is set to roll out in the second half of 2011.

5311 Transportation Funding: Social Services is waiting for the State – County contract to come back from the State. In about a month to six (6) weeks, Social Services should start receiving reimbursements from the program. Roger indicated to the Committee that hopefully by sometime in 2010, that a small scale public transportation system would be in place in the greater Sturgeon Bay area. Funds from the 5311 program and the 85.21 program would be used to fund this small scale transportation system.

The committee took no action.

11. Supervisor's Reports, Program Units, Informational Only.

Adult Services. Bev Knutson informed the Committee on the location of the five meal sites that the Senior Resource Center operates. The Liberty Grove meal site is being moved from its current location, due to remodeling, to the Sister Bay Moravian Church for approximately six (6) months. This site is about one mile from the Town Hall which makes it very convenient for the participants. Bev also reported that the Adult Unit currently has 22 clients on the waiting list. As of the first of the year, five (5) clients have been served off of the list and four (4) more clients have been assessed and will soon be served. Bev expanded a bit more on the (public hearing) letter received from Scandia Village. She informed the Committee that there was no one on a waiting list for a placement there and that currently Community Based Medicaid Waiver Program funds were being used to fund seven (7) residents. She further explained that approval of Medicaid applications may be delayed due to the complexity of the case, the economic support worker may be waiting for verification of assets or income from the family or applicant which can prolong the application process.

Bev Knutson was excused from the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Child and Family Services. Dori Weyenberg updated the Committee on an upcoming Foster Care / Foster Parenting Training. One of her unit members will be attending a three (3) day training on this topic. The State will begin mandating this training for our Foster Parents; which will consist of nine (9) modules / topics that are three (3) hours in length (a total of 27 hours). We may see a decline in our numbers for current Foster Parents due to this mandated training. Dori updated the Committee on the number of children placed in various homes / organizations. She credits her staff and various local organizations that her unit uses for keeping these numbers low.

Economic Support. Roger Tepe reported on behalf of Joanne Ator, who was excused from the meeting. From April of 2008 to April of 2009, Food Share applications rose 31% and Medical Assistance cases rose 11%. The BadgerCare Core Plus program that was scheduled to go live on July 1, 2009, with applications starting June 1st, may be delayed, according to some media reports. However, in another piece of correspondence, the application date of June 1st was still a go.

Support Services. Kay Englebert has been busy with working on the condensed voucher report and informed the Committee that the Auditors will be here in June. She indicated that approximately \$198,000.00 would be returned to the General Fund from our 2008 budget closeout; and that the 2009 expenditures are right on schedule.

The committee took no action on informational items presented.

12. Information: Director's Report. Roger commented to the Committee about the effect of the proposed State budget cuts, how those cuts may affect Social Services; and how staff is nervous about whether there could be layoffs / reductions in hours. Among existing staff, there are no immediate plans for any retirements or early retirements based on the current status of the economy. Roger has been meeting with various Department Heads as a large group over the past couple years. Under a new system announce by Mr. Serpe, there will only be a few meetings of ALL department heads, with a number of smaller meetings throughout the year just focused on similarity of function, e.g. the health and human services grouping, versus the general government / law / and judiciary group. Roger attended the Admin Committee meeting and noticed on the agenda was an item: "Re-alignment of Committees". The Admin Committee is looking at re-aligning whole committees, i.e. making larger committees that serve more than one department, for example, grouping Public Health, Social Services and Community Programs.

13. Set Next Meeting Date: The committee set its next monthly meeting for 1:30 p.m., June 9, 2009 at the Government Center in the Chambers Room.

14. Adjournment: Motion by Charles Brann, second by Ben Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

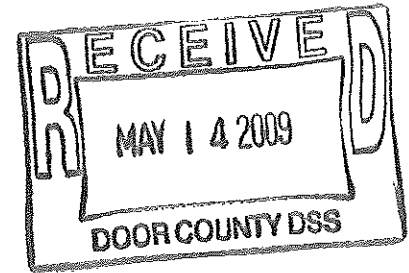
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May 12, 2009

Dear Mr. Tepe,

Good Samaritan-Scandia Village has two concerns that we would like to bring forth for the Door County Social Services Committee's consideration.

Our first concern is regarding the level of staff available for case work at Door County Social Services (DCSS). The increase in the number of Medical Assistance applications and the recent increase in the complexity of the Medical Assistance system have stretched an already limited DCSS staff to the extreme. We have experienced this stress on the Social Service department first hand over the last year. In years past, when a referral was made to DCSS it usually was processed in 3-5 weeks, depending on the circumstances of the application. During that 3-5 week period, we would receive approval and be able to obtain Medicaid payment from the State of Wisconsin for a particular resident.

Over the past year, there have been several occasions when it has taken up to 3 months or more for DCSS to process an application. We do understand that there are occasional cases with extenuating circumstances, but recent history has given us 2 separate residents whose application processing took nearly 6 months and one ended up to be retroactive back 7 months from the day we received eligibility notice. (This added up to more than \$27,000 outstanding for this person.) At one point this past year, we had multiple residents awaiting Medical Assistance eligibility processing and had over \$110,000 outstanding Medical Assistance dollars awaiting action at the DCSS level. As a nursing home which loses money (as most nursing homes do) on each Medical Assistance resident daily, it is an absolute necessity for us to keep our revenue incoming in order to meet our payrolls. It is vitally important to our cash flow as we simply do not have the reserves to pay our bills with over \$110,000 pending Medical Assistance eligibility at DCSS. One single resident pending for 3+ months has us carrying a receivable of over \$10,000, when that is multiplied by more than one resident it is a huge financial struggle for us.

In Christ's Love, Everyone Is Someone.

The DCSS case workers are so busy with the back log of cases that they have been unable to return calls from family members and agencies such as ours who are calling to inquire about the status of applications. Extremely frustrated family members then call us for a status update which we are unable to give them. This creates a very stressful and strained relationship for everyone, including the caseworkers.

We understand that budgetary times are difficult for all agencies, but we would appreciate not only the continuation of current services for which there is an extraordinary need, but any additional hours that could be allocated to DCSS case workers are extremely necessary. The timeliness of the application processing and the prompt response to resident/responsible party inquiries is a necessity, plus from a business standpoint, it is a good customer service practice. Please consider additional staff in this area to help better serve the people of Door County, the residents of Good Samaritan-Scandia Village, and other agencies as well.

Our second concern is the continuation and/or limiting of the relocation funding project that is utilized by residents of our Assisted Living facility. We currently have 7 of our 20 assisted living residents utilizing relocation funds, and we see the potential for this number to increase in the future. Without the continuation and growth of this program, assisted living residents will be forced to seek residence in a nursing home under the Medical Assistance program. This is not the best use of resources as nursing home care is more expensive than assisted living, (costs average \$178 per day for nursing home care versus \$93 per day for assisted living).

Once again, we are aware of the urgency and stress created by looming budget cuts and proposed strategies. We however, are in the business of caring for residents of Door County, and we strive to have each person in the least restrictive level of care possible. The continuation and future expansion of the relocation program are a vital part in allowing the elders in our community to reside in the least restrictive environment. Please consider maintaining and/or increasing this program.

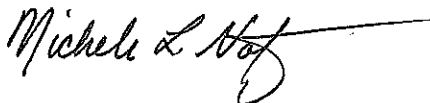
We would be happy to discuss these points in further detail with you, or answer any questions that you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Administrator



Michele Notz
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18 May 2009

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Dear Mr. Tepe:

I am writing in support of the Door County Juvenile Restitution Program. Services for this program have been contracted out to Lakeshore Community Action Program, Inc. since June of 1991. Youthful offenders are referred to the Program by the Department of Social Services under a Deferred Prosecution Agreement, Consent Decree or Court Order dependent on the severity of the offense. Youth range in age from 10 through 16 and their offenses include physical abuse, theft, criminal damage to property, possession of drugs or weapons, fraud, forgery, criminal trespass, OMVWOC, etc.

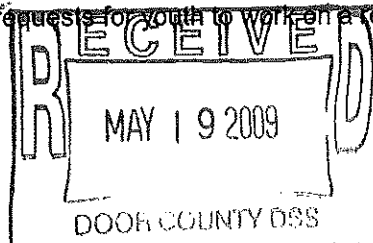
Since its inception the program has served 1,674 juveniles offenders and their victims. \$109,439.55 has been collected and paid out to victims of juvenile crime. 31,075 hours of community service has been performed benefiting non-profit and governmental agencies by saving over \$160,036.00 in minimum wage work.

The program is based on the concept that the juvenile's actions have had a negative affect on their victims and the community as a whole, and that the youth must do something positive to repay the victim and the community. The program's objectives are

- to provide positive work experiences
- to help youth develop job seeking and employment skills,
- to provide compensation to victims and the community,
- to instill a sense of responsibility towards work
- to provide community service opportunities at appropriate sites for the juveniles
- to provide alternative disposition to the Juvenile Court under s.938.54(5), and
- to coordinate with other agencies working with the same youth

The Program helps youth meet their restitution responsibility by assisting them in getting and keeping jobs. The youth receive information as needed on how to get and keep a job, the kinds of jobs available, how to fill out an application, interviewing techniques, etc. The importance of a good appearance, attitude, and work record are stressed. 75% of all income received goes to pay for personal or property damage and losses caused by their actions.

Youth may also be ordered to perform unpaid community service work. Community service is repaying the community when laws or standards of conduct have been violated. If possible, community service work is fit to the nature of the crime and needs of the juvenile offender. Close contact is kept with the site supervisor to ensure the youth's timeliness, work ethic and attitude. The Program has worked with more than 33 non-profits in Door County and receives requests for youth to work on a regular basis, which is testament of the value of the juvenile's work.



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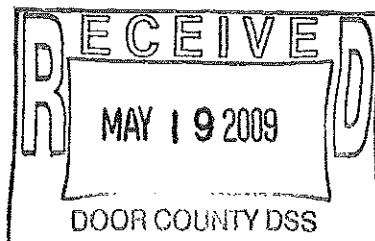
The Youth Coordinator for the program works very closely with the Department of Social Services Disposition Workers and therefore has been very successful in holding youth accountable. In turn the youth leave the program more responsible and the victims of crime are monetarily whole again.

Thank you and please call me at 920-743-0192 or email ssoik@lakeshorcap.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Sandi Soik
Youth Coordinator



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18 May 2009

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Dear Mr. Tepe:

I am writing in support of the Independent Living Skills Program. Services for this program have been contracted out to Lakeshore Community Action Program, Inc. since 2000.

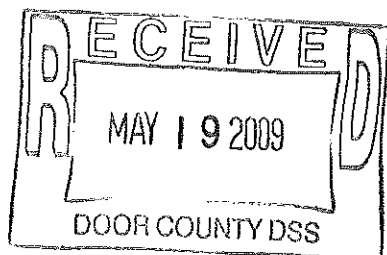
National studies and statistics show a disproportionately high percentage of foster children are among the ranks of the homeless, involved with the law, unemployed or marginally employed and mentally ill. The goal of the Program is to prepare the youth for transition into independent living with enough information, knowledge, resources and community support to enable them to transition successfully and handle the responsibilities of adulthood in a resourceful, mature manner.

The Program provides education and training in necessary life skills to youth who have been in the Door County Department of Social Services Foster Care Program. Skills we focus on are money management/consumer awareness, food management, personal appearance, health issues, housekeeping, transportation, educational planning, job seeking skills, job maintenance skills, emergency and safety skills, knowledge of community resources, interpersonal skills, housing issues, etc. In addition to the "hard" skills of shopping, budgeting and obtaining housing we also work on the "soft" skills of learning critical decision-making skills, becoming more self-reliant and using good judgment.

To date, the program has worked with 49 foster youth with 21 active referrals at this time. The program has provided youth with first time rental assistance, starter kits (including microwaves, bedding, pillows, towels, kitchen utensils, dishes, pots & pans, etc.), continuing education assistance and scholarship searches, college tours, Rent Smart Program, food assistance and transportation assistance.

The Program currently has one youth graduating from high school and this young woman will be continuing her education this fall. To date with the assistance of the program she has received sufficient grants and scholarships to pay for her tuition/books and fees and has \$5000 to apply toward her rent and daily living expenses. This is a young adult with great potential and is on her way to making a successful independent living transition with the help of the Program. All youth still of high school age are attending school. Many of the youth that have graduated have left the area. The program is available to youth up to their 21st birthday and a strong effort is made to stay in contact to provide direction if needed.

Thank you and please call me at 920-743-0192 or email ssoik@lakeshorecap.org if you have any questions.



Sincerely,

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May 18, 2009

Roger Tepe, Director
County of Door Social Services Program
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Dear Mr. Tepe,

HELP of Door County, Inc. respectfully submits the following request for \$5,000 in budgetary consideration for Supervised Visitation and Safer Exchange services contracted between County of Door Social Services and HELP of Door County, Inc. in the year 2010.

HELP's Supervised Visitation and Safer Exchange Program was established in 2001 providing services to children caught between parental conflicts. Child clients will represent children aged birth through seventeen years in the following categories: economically disadvantaged, minorities, children with disabilities, and/or children at risk of being crime victims.

Children often feel they are at fault when there are problems between their parents. If a child sees his/her parents argue, the child can easily internalize they are the cause of the conflict. When a child is afraid of a parent, supervised visitation gives the child a chance to feel safe and develop positive ties with his or her parent. Recognizing there are immediate and long-term detrimental effects on children who are victims of abuse, HELP recognizes a child's right to a relationship with both parents, and therefore offers a safer alternative to child-parent interaction.

A total of 28 children (unduplicated) utilized the program in 2008. Of those children, none were victims of sexual abuse, 12 were victims of physical abuse and 16 were victims of domestic abuse. Nineteen children received services this year by means of 129 supervised visits or 142 exchanges.

In 2008, seven of the 28 children with a connection to the Department of Social Services received; 171 supervised visits - totaling 332 service hours.

In 2009, thus far four of the 19 children with a connection to the Department of Social Services received 25 supervised visits – totaling 50 service hours. Currently three children are utilizing the safer exchange program.

Current support for this program is from the Department of Justice - VOCA grant, Door County and United Way of Door County. The Supervised Visitation and Safer Exchange Program is voluntary and provided without fees. However, program funding is not keeping pace with the need for services. The 2009 VOCA grant was expended by March and funding from United Way of Door County and private donations has decreased. Without new funding, the program may be suspended until additional monies can be obtained.

HELP's Supervised Visitation and Safer Exchange Program has provided services for eight years demonstrating a vital community need. The Program's service hours are variable, flexible, and timely including evenings and weekends to meet each family's personal schedules and needs.

In order to continue to provide the critically needed services of Supervised Visitations for the County of Door Social Services Program in 2010, HELP of Door County, Inc. is requesting contracted services with the County of Door Social Services Program at an anticipated rate of: **\$ 5,000 –**

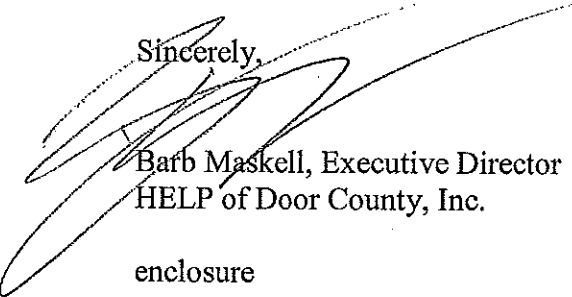
<u>Supervised Visitation Budget - 2010</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>
Requested 2010 Door County support	\$ 5,000
Requested 2010 United Way support	\$ 7,110
Requested Dept of Justice VOCA grant	\$12,650
Requested VOCA Recovery Act grant	\$12,500
Shortfall (Public donations)	7,740

HELP of Door County, Inc. is requesting the County of Door to assist in providing this vital service to our community.

A copy of the HELP of Door County, Inc. 2008 agency audit is enclosed.

I welcome the opportunity to further discuss any aspects of this request with you. I am also available to provide any additional information to the County of Door Department of Social Service Program Committee or the Door County Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,



Barb Maskell, Executive Director
HELP of Door County, Inc.

enclosure



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF DOOR COUNTY



The Jim Larsen Boys & Girls Club of Door County is part of a national movement that has served our nation's youth for more than 100 years. The Movement has grown to serve more than 4.6 million youth annually in more than 4000 Clubs across the nation.

The Jim Larsen Boys & Girls Club of Door County's **Mission** is to inspire and enable all youth to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. We do this by listening to our Youth and by providing stimulating and challenging programs through interaction with dedicated and caring mentors.

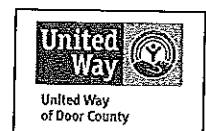
The unique community need for the Jim Larsen Boys & Girls Club is multi-fold:

- To aide in the reduction of out-of-home placements and reduce juvenile agency referrals
- The Club feeds, mentors and tutors Door County Community youth of all diverse backgrounds;
- Other than a \$10 per year membership fee (free scholarship for many), it is **FREE** and all-inclusive
- Its programs strengthen children from the inside-out during a very important time of their day, the **At-Risk After-school hours**.
- The most dangerous part of the day during the hours between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. when youth-related crime doubles.
- During those hours our program consists of a minimum of:
 - **SMARTGirls/Boys** teaches values of responsibility and respect
 - **Power Hour** builds self-esteem, confidence and teaches youth that they are exactly who they are meant to be and that they are important to their peers and family
 - **SMARTMoves** educates and empowers youth to make wise & educated life-decisions that catapult them in a positive direction and protect their future choices
 - **Targeted Outreach** in schools and on the streets
 - **Character & Leadership Development** (Youth of the Year and Keystone Club)
- During an era of digital fixation, in a safe atmosphere - our youth need **face-to-face positive interaction with peers**. Under the guidance of caring mentors, we give them the space to do that

In 2009 our Organization did the following:

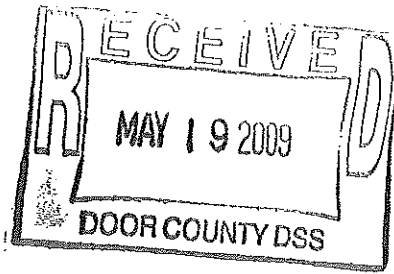
- Served more than **130 Club Members** and reached in **excess of 480 Outreach** Community Youth during after-school hours and in the summer
- Served **44 youth** through our **Targeted Outreach Program**
- Served **3748 healthy meals** and **1872 healthy snacks**
- Collaborated with other Youth-oriented Door County Groups including our schools, Door County Restitution Program, Integrated Services, Door County Law Enforcement, etc

We ask that you help support this important service to Door County Youth with \$3000 for 2010



May 18, 2009

Roger C. Tepe, Director
Door County Department of Social Services
421 Nebraska Street
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 54235



Dear Mr. Tepe,

I will be unable to attend the May 19th Public hearing that pertains to the 2010 Department of Social Services / Senior Resource Center Budgets so I am submitting this letter.

For the past few years N.E.W. Curative Rehabilitation Inc. has been providing Wraparound, or in-home support services, in Door County. The goal of this service is to allow individuals to remain in their homes and continue with the quality of life that they would like to have. The activities that our staffs are providing include grocery shopping, preparing meals, medication monitoring, personal cares, cleaning, shopping, and other similar tasks. In 2008 N.E.W. Curative provided 7,318 hours of service, and we are currently working with 51 people ranging in ages from 55 to 91. Our service delivery area covers all of Door County, including Washington Island.

As the population continues to age, in-home support services are going to continue to grow. These services are critical, not just to the individuals receiving them, but the caregivers and the community at large. It is less expensive to have someone remain in their home and not in a CBRF and/or a nursing facility.

The Door County Social Services and Door County Supervisors have seen the importance of in-home support services and have made a commitment to fund such services. We realize that your 2010 budget will be tight, but I urge you to continue supporting these services at the same level as the current budget. Ideally, if you can find ways to increase the budget, that would help us better meet the ever increasing needs for these services.

Thank you for providing funding for in-home support services. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 593-3500 or jbloor@newcurative.org.

Sincerely,

John Bloor, President
N.E.W. Curative Rehabilitation, Inc.